

STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 19, 2007
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Bentley Bobrow (Chairman)	Stuart Alt
Roy Ryals	Michelle Ziemba
Bill Ashland	Stewart Hamilton
John Porter	Scott Petersen
Debbie Johnston	Kelly Silberschlag
Philip Johnson	Mark Venuti
Laurie Wood	*Jim Flaherty

Members Absent:

Ritch Steven
Charles Allen
Dave Ridings
Jeff Farkas
Anslem Roanhorse

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present. *Note: Jim Flaherty was available by conference call.

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2006 MINUTES

A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Stewart Hamilton to approve the minutes of January 18, 2007. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORTS

A. Report from the Bureau Chief:

- Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief introduced Sarah Allen, the new Deputy Director for Public Health, Arizona Department of Health Services.

B. Report from the Chairman:

1. Introduction of New Member

- Ben Bobrow introduced and welcomed Laurie Wood – Representative from Urban Advanced Life Support Base Hospital that is not a Trauma Center
- Ben Bobrow announced:
 - Taylor McKenzie passed on Friday, April 13 and a public memorial service was held on April 18, 2007 in Gallup, NM. He was the first Navajo medical doctor; first and only medical officer for the Navajo Nation from Dec. 2005 to present; and he served a distinguished 30-year career as a physician and surgeon with the Indian Health Service/PHS.
 - Stuart Alt will be retiring in July. He presented him a letter and a certificate of appreciation from the Director.
 - John Porter will be relocating out of state. He presented him a letter and a certificate of appreciation from the Director.

C. Report from the Bureau of Public Health Statistics, Office of Health Registries:

1. Update on Status of State Trauma Registry – Anita Ray

- The Arizona State Trauma Registry is moving forward. The Trauma Registry Users Group met again and the decision was made to update State and hospital registries to the new NTDB standards beginning with January 1, 2008 data entry. Over the next several months, we'll be working on the changes necessary to align

the registries with the National Trauma Data Standard and working on the quality of the data.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. ACS Trauma System Consultation Visit scheduled for 6/26-29/07 –Update; Approval of Pre-Review Questionnaire; ACS Agenda; ACS Reviewers; Logistics; Hotel Room Accommodations; Pre-Review Dinner Meeting; Focus Questions – Vicki Conditt

- Inside your meeting packets there is a virtually completed Pre-review Questionnaire (PRQ).
- There is a letter to the STAB members regarding the ACS consultative review and a copy of the ACS agenda.
- A formal dinner meeting invitation will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
- The dinner meeting will be on June 26, 2007 and it is by invitation only.
- The dinner is being hosted by the trauma centers.
- We have asked trauma centers to specify the individuals whom they would like to have represent them.
- On June 27, 2007, there will be question and answer sessions and we would appreciate as many of the members attending as possible.
- The luncheon on June 27, 2007 is being hosted by the Arizona Ambulance Association.
- The hotel is the Phoenix Wyndham, located at 1st Street and Adams.
- Committee members outside of the Phoenix metro area can contact the Wyndham to make hotel reservations.
- The Bureau will reimburse committee members for their hotel accommodations.
- Think about specific focus questions to improve or enhance the trauma system and email to Vicki Conditt to be forwarded to ACS.
- All our information will be mailed out to ACS around the end of the month.
- Terry Mullins thanked everyone for assisting with the PRQ.
- A motion was made by Scott Petersen and seconded by Stuart Alt to approve the ACS Trauma System PRQ. **Motion carried.**

B. Reporting elements for Level IV trauma centers, non-designated trauma centers, and ALS Base Hospitals

- A revised 2008 required data element list is provided in your packets. Level IV and non-designated facilities will be required to provide a reduced data set. There are a few more Level IV required data elements that BEMSTS believes are necessary for tracking trauma at the State level. These items are highlighted in yellow on the list for approval.
- A motion was made by John Porter and seconded by Roy Ryals to accept changes to the required data elements. **Motion carried.**
- Hospitals that are not designated trauma centers are not required to submit data but if they do submit data we would like it in this format.

C. Trauma Rulemaking Work Group - Review and Approval of Article 14. Trauma Registry; Trauma System Quality Assurance

- Anita Ray reported that there were some problems with the way transfers were reported to the National Trauma Registry so we had to change some of the proposed 2008 data elements. Moved all transport information to one section. We took out the field asking what level the facility was because the information was not being entered correctly. There were some changes in ED and hospital disposition. Following the disposition we did not have anything telling us where the patient was discharged to clarify transfers, we added the destination hospital, the transferring agency, and the reason for transfer.
- A motion was made by John Porter and seconded by Stuart Alt recommending that the Department move forward with the draft rules as requested in agenda item IV. C but replacing the data element table in the draft rulemaking with the data elements shown in Agenda Item IV. B. and IV. F1. **Motion carried.**
- Discussion ensued regarding adding the data element – turnover time (EMS turning patients over to hospital staff)
 - This was already discussed at AZTQ and it was decided that we cannot count on reliability due to inconsistencies
 - Most trauma patients don't have a significant gap in turnover
 - It was recommended that we leave the data elements as written. The Department intends to initiate a new rulemaking that would include data collection requirements from all EMS providers.
 - This criteria applies to level I, II, and III's
 - The draft rulemaking will be on our website for informal comment for one month

D. ACS Revised Field Triage Decision Scheme

ACS has made changes to the Field Triage Decision Scheme that we used as a basis to develop Arizona's Field Triage Standard - GD-064-PHS-EMS

- There is a document in each member's packet that compares the new ACS version with Arizona's current version
- A motion was made by Scott Petersen and seconded by Stuart Alt that we adopt the new 2006 ACS Field Triage Scheme for Arizona and modify our current guidance document (GD-064-PHS-EMS: Arizona Trauma Patient Identification & Field Triage Decision Standards) to reflect this change. **Motion carried.**

E. SB 1032 - Burden of Proof; Emergency Treatment

- Has just passed out of committee and is expected to go to the floor next week. This bill is essentially the same as the bill introduced last year that passed but was vetoed by the Governor. The bill increases the burden of proof for care provided.
- The Governor appointed an Emergency Services Access Task Force to review the issue of physician liability as well as the recruitment and retention of physicians and make recommendations. This task force recommended reintroducing and passing the bill.
- Stuart Alt asked the members of STAB to pass a resolution approving SB 1032 and encouraging the Legislature to vote positively for it.
- A motion was made by Stuart Alt and seconded by Philip Johnson to send an e-mail to all Legislators and send hard copy letters to encourage all Legislators to vote for this.

- Discussion ensued. There was concern that this Board was not the forum for this because it would be taking a political position.
- An amendment was made recommending that each member send an individual letter and indicate he/she is a STAB member. The amendment was not acceptable to Dr. Alt.
- STAB's role is that of advisory to the Director.
- The committee voted on this issue:

In favor-

Stuart Alt
John Porter
Philip Johnson
Jim Flaherty
Bill Ashland

Opposed-

Mark Venuti
Roy Ryals
Jeff Farkas
Kelly Silberschlag
Laurie Wood
Debbie Johnston
Michelle Ziemba
Scott Petersen
Stewart Hamilton

In favor – 5

Opposed – 9

Motion Failed

F. Report from AZTQ Meeting

1. Updated State Required Data Elements

(See Agenda Item IV-B)

2. Table Tracking Hospital Data Submission

- Data is submitted quarterly based on ED Arrival Date. The ability for hospitals to submit data electronically has been set up and most of the hospitals used the secure ftp to submit their data due April 1st. The packets contain a table tracking the reporting hospital submission for 2006 data. ADHS has contacted the facilities that are behind in submitting data.
- The Bureau is working with the trauma center that is substantially behind in submitting data – an action plan is being developed by this facility
- It was recommended that we should give this information to AHCCCS
- Discussion ensued regarding trauma centers that are not submitting timely data
- We have worked with this facility – they have committed to submitting all data, as well as concurrent data by June 1st. Additional staff and temporary staff have been hired to assist with the backlog.

- Once the rules take effect, hospitals that are not in compliance could be subject to revocation of designation, and in the case of a Level I, this would require notifying AHCCCS.
- Georgia recommended that we develop an internal procedure that establishes what we are going to do as we are tracking this, and that we share that procedure with all designated trauma centers so everyone understands the consequences and level of severity for noncompliance.

Item: Table Tracking Hospital Data Submission
Follow Up: Report back to STAB
When: Next Meeting – September 20, 2007
Who: Terry Mullins

***G. Trauma Registry Reports**

1. 2005 Updated Standard Public Report

- Several Trauma Registry reports are provided in your packets. The first is an updated 2005 Standard Public Report which includes submission of the final 2005 data. This report is also posted on the ADHS EMS and Trauma System website.

2. 2006 Standard Public Report (draft - not all cases submitted)

- A copy of the DRAFT 2006 Standard Public Report and DRAFT 2006 audit filter reports were reviewed. Not all of the 2006 data has been received and the quality of the data has not been assessed. Members were asked to keep in mind the limitations of the data when reviewing these reports. There were also data entry issues which could affect the quality of the reports. ADHS will be working with hospitals to begin assessing the quality of the data. Anita Ray explained that there were also problems with 3 of the picklists (Protective Devices, ED Disposition and Hospital Discharge Disposition). TRUG decided to change the picklists in January to correct errors and align choices with national standards. Because the picklists were updated in January 2007 and in effect for part of 2006 data entry, some of the responses for these 3 picklists will be similar within the same report.

a. Audit Filter Reports - 2006 Data

- In addition, after discussion with TRUG, we discovered problems with the previous RSI reports provided to STAB and AZTQ. We are unable to provide the requested RSI reports on 2005-2006 data, because the paralytic and intubated data is being entered only as a GCS qualifier. We have recently added a new required prehospital airway management field and expect to have RSI information for future cases. It is a general airway management field, so it will give more airway information than just RSI.
- Open Fractures - Injury to Wash Out Greater Than 8 Hours - Anita explained that she is unable to run this report because the Procedure Start Date/Time is not a State required data element. We should be able to collect this data in 2008.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward

VI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

- 7th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference – On May 31 – June 1, 2007 – at the Marriott Hotel, 200 N. Centennial Way, Mesa, Arizona

- Scottsdale Trauma Conference – April 20 – 22, 2007 – Radisson, Fort McDowell Resort and Casino
- Coyote Crisis Campaign – April 23 – 27, 2007 – Scottsdale, Arizona

VII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB Meeting will be held on September 20, 2007.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 20, 2007